

we have Scott Koch who inherited his quickness from his father. Glad to have you here Scott, thank you for coming. We also have in the North Balcony, 20 students from the Lincoln School of Commerce or the School of Commerce here in Lincoln. Kathy Ward is the instructor. We appreciate you people being here also, thank you. LB 302.

CLERK: Read LB 302. There are committee amendments by Senator Maresh's Labor Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh. Let's pass the bill and go to 218; where's Senator Mills? Senator Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman, it's a very simple amendment on that. This bill originally called for raising the judges pay by \$58. The committee amended it down to \$20. I move that the amendment be accepted.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Record your vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Senator Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: I move that this bill be advanced as amended. The judges of the court are part-time. We have been blessed with some very talented people and it's necessary to get their wages up where they can afford to do this work. When the court was first established, the idea was to make their pay commensurate with the district judges. This is what I attempted to do with the original bill, but I cheerfully accept the amendment. I move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Senator Don Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I have a question of Senator Brennan. Question number 1 is I'd like to know the last time they received a salary increase, the last year.

SENATOR BRENNAN: They received an increase last year. Three years ago, I believe it was, we had a bill in here that would have tied their wages to the district courts wages. This bill was vetoed by the Governor because of another section of the bill. Last year, we attempted to raise it to equal the district judges. This was amended down.

SENATOR DWORAK: Could you tell me how large their raise was last year?

SENATOR BRENNAN: \$25.

SENATOR DWORAK: They went from \$75 to \$100 last year and now we're going to give them another \$20 this year?

SENATOR BRENNAN: Yes, I'll keep raising it till we do get it up to so it's equal with the district judges. It's necessary if we're going to keep talent on that court to pay them what the going rate is.

SENATOR DWORAK: Have we lost anybody on that court?